

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
SAITO et al.)
Application Number: To Be Assigned)
Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE)

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to remove multiple dependencies contained therein in accordance with standard U.S. practice, thereby reducing the basic filing fee. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims as written below::

3. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the transparent sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate using a pressure sensitive adhesive double-sided tape or a tacky adhesive agent.
4. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.
5. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal display device includes a spacer which restricts a warp quantity of the diffusion

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plate in the direction toward the light source.

9. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein the transparent sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate using a pressure sensitive adhesive double-sided tape or a tacky adhesive agent.
10. (Amended) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.

Please add the following new claims:

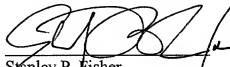
12. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein the transparent sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate using a pressure sensitive adhesive double-sided tape or a tacky adhesive agent.
13. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.
14. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 2, wherein the liquid crystal display device includes a spacer which restricts a warp quantity of the diffusion plate in the direction toward the light source.
15. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 14, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.
16. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 8, wherein the transparent sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate using a pressure sensitive adhesive double-sided tape or a tacky adhesive agent.
17. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 8, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 3 and added claim 12, amended claim 4 and added claim 13, amended claim 5 and added claim 14, and added claim 15, amended claim 9 and added claim 16, amended claim 10 and added claim 17. Applicant has amended the claims in order to remove multiple dependencies contained therein in accordance with standard U.S. practice, thereby reducing the basic filing fee. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

In view of the above amendments and Applicant's comments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

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MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

3. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein the transparent sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate using a pressure sensitive adhesive double-sided tape or a tacky adhesive agent.
4. A liquid crystal display device according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 3, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.
5. A liquid crystal display device according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 3, wherein the liquid crystal display device includes a spacer which restricts a warp quantity of the diffusion plate in the direction toward the light source.
9. A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7 ~~or~~ 8, wherein the transparent sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate using a pressure sensitive adhesive double-sided tape or a tacky adhesive agent.
10. A liquid crystal display device according to ~~any one of~~ claims 7 ~~to~~ 9, wherein at least one optical sheet is adhered to the diffusion plate.